

# Student competition against corruption

## "Youth for a society without corruption"

### Official competition rules

The aim of the Annual Anti-Corruption Competition, funded by the US Department of Justice and the US Embassy in Kosovo, is for Kosovo students to conduct anti-corruption awareness campaigns and advocate for corruption intolerance and rejection. Primary school students (grades 6-9) can design posters, or draw various anti-corruption works. While high school students can create videos in the public interest. Students will compete for several prizes which are electronic devices. For the best anti-corruption campaign, students will win one of the following electronic devices: Kindle, Go Pro Camera and iPad.

### *"Youth for a society without corruption" #pakorrupsion*

### Description of competition objectives

The purpose of this competition is to promote the common values of American and Kosovo youth in combating all forms of corruption. The competition aims to motivate young people into building a society with zero tolerance for corruption.

### Competitors:

- **Primary school students from grade 6 to grade 9** are eligible to participate with their works in the part of the competition for primary schools;
- **Secondary school students** are eligible to participate with their works in the part of the competition for secondary schools;

### How to be part of the competition?

#### Competition topic:

### *"Youth for a society without corruption"*

How do you think corruption affects you and your community, and what would you like to see done differently? How can you stop or prevent corruption in your school or community, as well as in your daily life in general? What would you do to promote meritocracy in schools, or in your school environment, without cheating and plagiarism?

- **Primary school students (grades 6-9):**

Primary school students are invited to **make a POSTER** that addresses the topic of the competition. The poster should have a title and/or a slogan and should be original work of a student. Competitors may not submit more than one poster.

Posters must be submitted electronically, scanned in pdf or jpg image, to the email

[PaPristina@state.gov](mailto:PaPristina@state.gov).

In addition to the Poster and parent's permission/statement for the student's original work, submission of the material via email must also contain the following information:

- **The name of the competition** (*#Pa korrupsion!*),
- **Student's name and family name,**
- **Grade and school,**
- **Contact email,**
- **Mobile/phone number, and**
- **The title or slogan of the poster.**

In documents submitted for the competition, competitors must also include the signed and scanned permission of the parent or legal guardian. The written permission must contain the following text:

*I, (name and family name), through my signature hereunder, in the capacity of the parent or legal guardian, hereby give my permission to (name and family name of the child) to participate in all stages of the competition, and confirm that the materials submitted are, to my knowledge, original and individual work of the participant himself/herself.*

**Materials that do not have the signed permission/statement attached will be disqualified. By submitting the poster, the participant agrees that it can be published on social media.**

#### • Secondary school students

The secondary school students are invited to create **original videos** that address the theme of the competition. Upload the video with your username by putting the hashtag **#pakorrupsion**. Video submission can be uploaded in any format or size accepted by YouTube, but should not be longer than **three (3) minutes**. Video can also be an animation. Once the video is uploaded in YouTube, it is considered as final submission and cannot be modified, edited or replaced. Individual contestants may not submit more than one poster. Videos should creatively and innovatively address the issue of how each of us can fight corruption in our daily lives.

After uploading the video on YouTube, participants should send an email to [PaPristina@state.gov](mailto:PaPristina@state.gov) with the following information:

- **Name of the competition** (*#Pakorrupsion!*)
- **Students name and family name,**
- **Date of birth;**
- **Grade and school,**
- **Contact email,**
- **Mobile/phone number**
- **Title of the video along with the link to access the video.**

Competitors who are under the age of 18 are required to include a permission, signed and scanned by the parent or legal guardian, in the documents submitted for the competition. The written permission must contain the following text:

*I, (name and family name), through my signature hereunder, in the capacity of the parent or legal guardian, hereby give my permission to (name and family name of the child) to participate in all stages of the competition, and confirm that the materials submitted are, to my knowledge, original and individual work of the participant himself/herself.*

Students older than 18 are required to submit a signed and scanned statement with the following text:

*I, (name and family name), through my signature hereunder, confirm that the materials submitted are my original and individual work.*

**Materials that do not have the signed permission/statement attached will be disqualified. By submitting the poster, the participant agrees that it can be published on social media.**

### **Selection process**

All submitted materials will be evaluated by the Commission which will select the winners for each category. The organizer reserves the right to review and approve any proposal and suggestion, and eventually remove any proposal in order to prevent possible manipulations and irregularities.

The competition starts on November 18, 2020. Materials can be submitted between November 18-November 30, 2020. The evaluation will take place from December 1 to December 4, 2020. Winners will be officially announced and notified before or on International Anti-Corruption Day on the Facebook page of the US Embassy in Pristina.

### **Content requirements**

- a. The materials should not contain obscene material, explicit sexual content, nudity, swearing, graphic violence, call for incitement of violence, commercial incitement or commercial promotion. The submitted materials must be in accordance with the national law and must not contain content or images that can be considered abusive, provocative, denigrating or disrespectful to any sponsor of the competition, or any group, individual or institution. The submitted materials, both from their appearance and facts, must respect the norms of civil discourse. In other words, the content of all submitted materials should be appropriate for the global public audience.
- b. The submitted materials must have original content created by the contestant and must not contain any elements that are protected by someone else's copyright or that may belong to the intellectual property or patented rights of a third party, including the rights to privacy and publicity (except as expressly permitted below under (d)). The Competition sponsors shall not grant permission for the "proper use" of copyrighted material, and competition sponsors shall not grant permission to use licensed material created or owned by a third party.
- c. The sponsors of the competition reserve the right to disqualify, in their absolute discretion, any submitted material that does not meet these requirements and the purpose and essence of *the official rules of the competition*.
- d. In the event of any issues or differences of opinion regarding the compliance, interpretation or application of these competition requirements or other provisions of the *official competition rules*, the sponsors of the competition reserve the exclusive right to resolve the issues or differences in opinions, on their complete discretion.
- e. By submitting the video or poster for the competition, the contestant confirms that he/she has received a written consent from all individuals whose images or resemblance appear on the video or poster (or from the individual's parent/legal guardian if any of those individuals is considered a minor in the state where he or she resides), and that he or she has received the rights, licenses, consents and permits for the use of all materials such as music, images, text and other content in the submitted material. The contestant further

confirms that he or she is willing to provide credible documents to anyone and all approvals, licenses, etc., if required. Failure to obtain those rights, licenses and permits, may result in disqualification of the video material under the full and absolute discretion of the competition sponsor.

- f. **Editing of video materials:** All conventional video editing techniques are allowed. Videos can be edited using any program in any format, however they must be compressed and submitted in a format accepted by the YouTube platform.

## Eligibility criteria

- a. Contestants must be enrolled in school and must not be younger than 10 years of age on the competition entry date. For persons under the age of 18, the consent of a parent or legal guardian is required as described above in the "*How to be part of the competition* " section. Competitors must be residents of Kosovo and cannot be US citizens or US legal permanent residents.
- b. The person submitting the materials will be considered the sole competitor and will be the only person eligible to compete for the award. Organizations are not eligible to compete for the award, either as entities or through representation by any individual. To be eligible to win the award, the competitor must provide complete and accurate information.
- c. The following individuals are not eligible to participate in the competition: employees, interns, directors, and officials of competition sponsors, or the U.S. government, or any employee, intern, director, or official of any agency, company, or entity involved in the administration, advertising, evaluation, creation, development, execution, and/or completion of this competition, as well as their close family members (such as spouse, known partner, parent, child, sibling, and or "spouse's child, stepparent") and those living in the same family union with any of these individuals.

## Selection of winners

- a. All materials submitted for the competition are subject to prior review by US Embassy staff to ensure compliance with *official competition rules*. Any submitted material that does not meet the requirements will not be posted. The US Embassy reserves the right in its complete and absolute discretion to verify in the final analysis whether the potential finalist or potential material, to be declared a winner, has fully complied with the official rules of the competition before posting it on the website of the competition, namely before awarding the prize, and recognizing him/her as the winner, etc.
- b. **Assessment criteria:** The best materials submitted to the competition will be selected by a Commission composed of US Embassy staff. The commission will assess the creativity, innovation, understanding of the issue and problems of corruption in the country, authenticity of the idea and the overall impression. The technical performance, technology used and image quality will not play a decisive role in the selection, but the commission will also pay attention to these elements. The commission will also take into account the age and maturity of the competitor. Submitted materials will be graded on a scale of 1 to 5.
- c. **Winners:** Each winner and/or finalist will be required to return the signed statement of acceptance of terms of the competition and responsibility for the work, to the competition sponsors. The inability of the competition sponsors to contact the potential winner may result in disqualification and/or selection of another winner from other duly submitted materials.

- d. Winners and finalists can be announced on the Embassy website and/or social media sites. Winners and finalists may choose to use a nickname instead of their real name and may request that other identifying information be kept confidential.

#### Available awards:

	For winners of the competition from primary schools
1st prize	iPad Mini
2nd and 3rd prize	Amazon Fire tablet

	For winners of the competition from secondary schools
1st prize	iPad Mini
2st prize	GoPro camera

- d. Winners must confirm acceptance of the prize via email reply within three calendar days. In case the acceptance is not confirmed by the required date, the sponsors of the competition reserve their right to select another winner. Each winner must provide a valid address for the regular mail where the prize is to be sent, if won. Competition sponsors are not responsible for any problems regarding the delivery of any prize, including but not limited to, theft, delay, damage or accidental destruction/loss by the delivery service.

#### Rights and Obligations

- a. Competition sponsors do not endorse any submitted material or message expressed in it, and competition sponsors expressly disclaim any liability with respect to submitted materials including possible disputes between contributors regarding submitted material.
- b. The competition and its sponsors do not allow copyright infringement activities or infringement of any other intellectual property rights, and the competition sponsors reserve the right to remove and disqualify any submitted material that they deem it violates the copyright or other intellectual property rights of other parties.
- c. Competitors shall specifically agree to grant competition sponsors permission to use all submitted content for purposes of competition evaluation or display the submitted material, in any media format.
- d. The competitor assumes full responsibility for the material submitted in the competition and the parts of the material contained in it, and any consequence of its submission or posting.
- e. Competition sponsors reserve the right at any time to verify the validity of materials and contestants and to disqualify any contestant or material deemed to disregard *the official rules of the competition*. Competition sponsors also reserve the right to request additional documents, in their full and absolute discretion, to verify eligibility and compliance with *the official rules of the competition*.

- f. In the event that the prize or any part of it is not available, the competition sponsors, in their complete discretion, reserve the right to replace the prize with another prize.
- g. Competition sponsors reserve the right, at any time and in their sole discretion, to disqualify and/or consider any individual incompatible whom they reasonably believe has (i) violated the official rules of competition; (ii) has violated the terms of use of the platform, or (iii) is acting in bad faith, or dishonestly or obstructively, or with the intent to anger, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.
- h. Competition sponsors reserve the right to modify, suspend, terminate or cutoff the competition at their sole discretion for any reason.
- i. The competitor agrees not to hold the competition sponsors liable of any claim, damage, obligation, loss, liability, cost or debt, and expense arising from (i) violation of the official rules of the competition; (ii) violation of the rights of any third party, or (iii) any claim that the submission of bidding material has caused harm, including financial harm, to any third party. Such indemnification and non-liability obligations will be valid indefinitely beyond the completion of the competition.
- j. Competition sponsors and the U.S. government take reasonable steps to protect confidential information, information that identifies a person, and other sensitive data of competitors. Contact information provided by the competitors may be stored by the US Embassy in Kosovo and be used to contact competitors for other purposes in the future.
- k. Competition sponsors do not assume any responsibility or liability for any problems relating to the submission of competition materials, including, but not limited to, theft, delay, damage, or or technical malfunctions arising in connection with the operation of the competition, including: hardware and software errors; defects in computer, electronic network, failure to send or receive email; missed, delayed transmissions, inability to access the competition site in whole or in part for any reason, congestion of the website or website traffic, or destruction of any aspect of the competition, or loss, miscalculation, misdirection, inability to access email used in relation to the competition.
- l. Competition sponsors are not responsible in the event that any part of the competition is canceled or delayed due to weather, fire, attack, acts of war or terrorism, or any other cause.